

WOOL CLUB'S NEW HOME.

Members and Guests Joined in an Informal Reception Yesterday Afternoon.

The Rooms Above the Exchange to Be Utilized for Social and Business Intercourse.

MAYOR STRONG EXTENDS GREETINGS.

One of the Unwritten Purposes of the Organization is to Divert the Trade, Which Now Centres in Boston, to New York City.

The Wool Club of the City of New York opened its new quarters and began its life with punch and lunch yesterday. Most of the 500 members of the new organization were on hand to participate in

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FOR A LIBERAL SUNDAY LAW.

More Than 50,000 Signatures to the German-American Citizens' Petition.

The petition for a liberal Sunday law circulated by the German-American Citizens' Union finds support among all classes of the population. Canvassing was begun on December 17, and it is stated that more than 50,000 signatures have already been handed in at the headquarters, No. 25 Third avenue. They represent native Americans and citizens of German, Irish, Italian, Bohemian, French, Hungarian, Spanish and Russian extraction.

Among the prominent signers are four ex-Mayors of New York—Abram S. Hewitt, Franklin Edson, Thomas F. Gilroy and William R. Grace—several Aldermen, a

number of ministers, and the following well-known business and professional men: Charles S. Fairchild, C. P. Huntington, J. L. McKee, Francis G. Lloyd, R. F. Corlies, A. D. Holmes, Jacob H. Schiff, Schuyler S. Parsons, George Meade, F. H. Parker, Jr., Robert M. Lahey, S. P. Mendel, Gustave H. Schwab, John B. Paines, Joseph J. Little, Ferdinand P. Earle, Morris Guggenheim, A. Augustus Healy, Z. Holbrook, J. B. Houston, John P. Townsend, H. D. Cooper, James S. S. J. Gans, F. L. Hing, A. Perez, Dr. H. A. C. Anderson, J. E. Ceballos, Theodore Sato, Fred T. Adams, J. W. Cronwell, F. L. Barnes, Dr. J. H. Senner, Fred E. Camp, Adolph Bookowitz, C. E. Reeler, Ad. Engler, Isaac Guggenheim, W. Buchanan, R. J. Hall, Dr. Lorenzo Ulls, H. A. Roebamen, M. B. Fiedling, A. C. Dickinson, J. O. Ross, Ferdinand Levy, H. A. Cuesar, Charles A. Stadler, Vernon H. Brown, O. B. Potter, James R. Plumb, Charles E. Harnett, Antonio Knauth, Frank von Briesen, Percival Knauth, William H. Oakley, Jr., John Jerolomon, C. B. Rich and O. and Schwarzschild and Scholmer.

Atlantic Highland's Schoolhouse. Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Jan. 4.—A new \$30,000 brick schoolhouse was dedicated here to-day in the presence of a large gathering of townspeople and visitors interested in education. The full Board of School Trustees was present, and County Superintendent of Schools Enright made the opening address. The Clinton B. Fish Post, No. 144, G. A. R., presented to the new school an American flag and No. 109, Junior Order of American Mechanics, a Bible. Addresses were made by the trustees.

HERICH BROS.

1896.—THE GREATEST OF ALL "JANUARY SALES."—1896.

No such merchandise, no such volume of merchandise, no such prices for merchandise, were ever before congregated under one roof at least in this city. The UNDERWEAR SALE, a tremendous collection of high priced garments marked at 59c. each, is undeniably the event of the season. No other house even approaches the values here offered. And the SILKS—read what we have to say of them, and remember that there is no exaggeration. From the silks at 19c. to the highest price named they are one and all far below regular prices, and far and away beyond competition. And so it is with every other item mentioned in this advertisement.

1896. ANNUAL SALE 1896.
SALE BEGINS 9 A. M.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR

FAR SURPASSING ALL EFFORTS OF FORMER YEARS.

AN EVENT ALWAYS EAGERLY LOOKED FOR BY THOUSANDS OF LADIES WITHIN HUNDREDS OF MILES OF NEW YORK. WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THAT WE PLACE ON SALE TO-MORROW

40,000

EXAMPLES OF RICH UNDERWEAR, WHICH, FOR EXQUISITE WORKMANSHIP, PERFECTION OF SHAPE, QUALITY OF SEWING, ETC., HAS NEVER BEEN EQUALLED IN THIS CITY, EVEN BY OURSELVES. THE SHOPPER IN SEARCH OF 100% CORSET COVERS FINDS NOTHING OF INTEREST IN THESE GOODS, BUT THE LADY DESIRING A FINE GARMENT WORTH FROM ONE TO THREE DOLLARS EACH, WILL FIND EVERY ARTICLE SUITABLE FOR A TROUSSEAU AT ONLY 59c.

WE ONLY ASK AN INSPECTION, THE PRICE AND QUALITY WILL BE FOUND TO BE IRRESISTIBLE.

RECOLLECT, VALUE FOR, AT LEAST ONE TO THREE DOLLARS AT

59c.

NIGHT DRESSES. LONSDALE CAMBRIC, EMPIRE FRONT, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED WITH FINE IRISH POINT EMBROIDERED RUFFLE, TRIMMED YOKE, AND FINISHED WITH HANDS OF FEATHER STITCHING. **NIGHT DRESSES.** FINE MUSLIN, MARGUERITE YOKES OF FIVE ROWS OF TORCHON LACE AND ENGLISH EMBROIDERED INSERTION. FINISHED WITH FULL LACE RUFFLE AND FEATHER STITCHING. **NEGLIGEE ROBE OF FANCY FIGURED INDIA LINEN.** EMPIRE EFFECT, PRETTILY FINISHED WITH DEEP SAILOR COLLAR, EDED WITH LACE RUFFLE. **NIGHT DRESSES.** EXTRA SIZE, LONSDALE MUSLIN, SOLD TRIMMED RUMPADOUR YOKE, PRETTILY TRIMMED WITH FINE EMBROIDERED RUFFLE. **CORSET COVERS.** HIGH POMPADOUR YOKE OF ALTERNATING ROWS OF INSERTING OF FINE ITALIAN LACE AND GUILDRE EMBROIDERY. FINISHED WITH LACE EDGE. **CORSET COVERS.** ROUND YOKE, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED WITH EMBROIDERED INSERTING, BRUNNIA LACE, RIBBON, FINISHED WITH FEATHER STITCHED BAND AND FULL EMBROIDERED EDGE. **UNDERSHIRT.** CAMBRIC, TRIMMED WITH DEEP FLOUNCE OF INDIA LINEN AND FINISHED WITH INSERTING OF VALENCIENNES LACE RUFFLE. **DRESSING JACKETS IN FANCY FIGURED INDIA LINEN.** IN ALL THE Dainty SHADES. PRETTILY TRIMMED, EMPIRE FRONT, LACE AND RIBBON BEADING, AND FINISHED WITH DEEP LACE TRIMMED SAILOR COLLAR. **DRAWERS.** LONSDALE CAMBRIC, FULL EXTRA WHITE, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED, WITH A DEEP FLOUNCE OF FINE GUILDRE EMBROIDERY. **DRAWERS.** CAMBRIC, FULL EMPIRE LACE, TRIMMED WITH DEEP SPANISH FLOUNCE AND FINISHED WITH VALENCIENNES LACE, EDGE RUFFLE AND TUCKS ABOVE. **DRAWERS.** OF FINE FRENCH PERCALE, HAND MADE, AND EMBROIDERED INSERTING AND EDGES. **CHEMISE.** LONSDALE CAMBRIC, EMPIRE YOKES OF SOLID EMBROIDERY, TUCKED SKIRT, TRIMMED WITH DEEP EMBROIDERED RUFFLE, HEADED WITH CLUSTER OF FINE TUCKS. **CHEMISE.** INDIA LINEN, TUCKED RUFFLED BOTTOM, ROUND YOKE DAINITY TRIMMED WITH ITALIAN LACE POINTS AND FINISHED WITH FINE EMBROIDERED RIBBON RUN BAND AND LACE EDGE. **CHEMISE.** INDIA LINEN, TUCKED SKIRT, MARGUERITE FRONT OF ALTERNATIVE ROWS OF FINE NEEDLEWORK INSERTING AND EDGE. **CHEMISE.** LONSDALE CAMBRIC, ROUND YOKE, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED WITH DEEP VALENCIENNES LACE, RUFFLE HEADED WITH FINE EMBROIDERY AND FEATHER STITCHED RIBBON RUN BAND AND LACE EDGE. **SKIRTS.** FINE MUSLIN, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED, WITH DEEP SPANISH FLOUNCE AND FINISHED WITH FULL TUCKED RUFFLE. **SKIRT.** FINE MUSLIN, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED, WITH DEEP HAMBURG EMBROIDERED FLOUNCE, HEADED WITH TUCKS. **IN ORDER TO SUPPLY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR CUSTOMERS WE SHALL LIMIT THE SALE OF MORE THAN TWO GARMENTS OF A STYLE TO EACH PURCHASER.**

WE POSITIVELY REFUSE TO SELL TO DEALERS.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE WE SHALL SELL HUNDREDS OF CHOICE PIECES IN FINE FRENCH AND DOMESTIC LINEN, SLIGHTLY SOILED; ALSO SILK AND MUSLIN DRESSING JACKETS AND LINGERIE GOWNS AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE.

UNDERWEAR SALE BEGINS AT 9 A. M.

GREAT SALE OF STAMPED LINENS.

To-morrow we inaugurate the greatest sale of STAMPED LINENS ever held in this city. Vast quantities of FINE LINENS beautifully stamped in easy patterns will be sold at one-half, and in many cases one-third their value. We quote in part:

12c. Damask and Hemstitched Tray Covers, Pillow Shams (per pair), Doylies (bundles of six), etc., worth 19, 25 and 29, at..... **12c.**
25c. Hemstitched Tray Covers and Scarfs, 64 in. and 72 in. long, centrepiece tinted Table Covers, Laundry Bags, etc., value 39, 48 and 59, at..... **25c.**
48c. Finest quality Tray Covers and Bureau Scarfs, beautiful openwork designs, centrepieces, hemstitched Table Covers, Squares, etc., value 75 up to 150, at..... **48c.**

EMBROIDERY AND CROCHET SILK. 500 boxes fine quality Embroidery Silk, on spools, made by America's foremost silk thread manufacturers, in all shades, value 15 spool, at 15, or per dozen..... **58c.**

Great Clearing Sale of FURS, CAPES AND CLOAKS. Handsome Capes of French wool, seal collar and edge of French sable, brown satin lining; price has been 18.75, for..... **6.75**
Fine quality Canada Seal Capes, plain and trimmed with Thibet, also Silken Curl Astrakhan Capes, handsomely lined, all 39 in. long, price has been from 22.00 to 30.00, for..... **11.75**
Electric Seal Capes, with Alaska sable collar and edge, 39 in. long, full sweep, has been 30.00, for..... **14.98**
Finest quality Electric Seal Capes, 39 in. long, full sweep, handsomely lined, has been 37.50, for..... **22.50**
Newest style Electric Coat of the finest quality, has been 87.50, for..... **49.00**
Higher grade of Furs reduced in the same proportion.

LAMPS AND CLOCKS.

(THIRD FLOOR.)

Nickel Alarm Clocks, every one warranted and kept in repair for one year, sold elsewhere for .75, at

59c.

Banquet Lamps, gilt finish, central draught burners, assorted patterns, worth 3.75, at..... **2.25**
Table Lamp, solid brass, B. & C. burners, complete, with 10-inch decorated dome shade, worth 3.25, at..... **1.98**
Banquet Lamp, warranted wrought iron, 21 inches high, colored corrugated bowl, Rochester burner, worth 6.25, at..... **2.98**

LACES.

1,000-yard lot of fine Torchon, Medici and Florentine, value 60c. yard, at

29c.

1,000-yard lot of Torchon and Medici Laces, value 30c. a yard, at..... **10**

VELVETS.

The Lowest Prices ever quoted for fine SILK VELVETS.

120 pieces SILK VELVETS, black and all colors, a fine fabric for millinery or dress trimming, value 1.00, at

50c. yd.

LYONS SILK VELVETS of exceptional fine quality, in black and every leading shade, not a yard is worth less than 1.25, mostly 1.50 and 2.00 goods, all at..... **.69**
20 pieces rich VELOUR DU NORD, black and in glace effect, 32 inches wide, worth 2.50 and 3.50, at..... **1.50**

STATIONERY DEPT. 50 Cards and Plate with name on, best quality cards..... **.69**
Day or address 20c. a line extra.
100 dozen Leather Photograph Frames, with miniature in corner, special price..... **.18**

CLOAKS AND SUITS.

To-morrow commences a genuine "January Sale" of Cloaks and Suits with us. The stocks (in their entirety), of two leading city manufacturers, purchased at half their cost, enables us to present many marvellous offerings of which the following are merely samples:

500 Black Beaver Boucle and Cheviot—Short Coats, notched or storm collars, ripple backs; worth 3.95, at 3.95, at	300 Ladies' Double Capes, 2 1/2 to 30 inches long, in Black, Black Boucle and Cheviot, also 300 Ladies' Jackets in Fancy Black Cheviots, Persian, Montague and Boucle, with box or shield fronts, some lined in silk; worth 6.75, at 6.95
300 handsome lined and half lined English Box Coats, in the new Equilux cloth, Boucle and Persian, some with lined velvet collar and cuffs, immense seams sleeves; also elegant Double Capes in Black, Blue, Plush, top cape and collar trimmed in Black Marten and Zebellue furs; worth 14.50, at.....	200 Ladies' full sweep Circular Capes, in extra quality Silk Plush, lined in silk and trimmed in black opossum fur; also Silk Lined Jackets in a variety of newest styles, in Black Persian, fine Melton and Beaver, shield and box fronts; worth 11.98, at.....
250 Imported Persian and English curli cloth Jackets, lined in black and fancy colored silks. Circular Capes in silk velvet, deep sailor collars edged in fur and jet trimmed, lined in rhadame; worth 17.50, at.....	Ladies' Suits in tan, brown, black and grey mixed tweeds, chevrons and whipcord, with short, tight-fitting tailor-made waists, double breasted reefer coats and Norfolk waists; worth 13.50, at.....
125 Imported Costumes in plain and fancy chevrons and cloths, combined with pompadour, Dresden and plaid silks; also 150 coat and Norfolk Waist Suits in a number of pretty designs; worth 21.50, at.....	200 elegant embroidered and beaded Plush and Velour Capes, in several different designs, handsomely trimmed in Black Thibet, Opossum and Marten furs; also 300 Ladies' Coats in knitted and curli cloths, Persian and Melton cloths, lined in plain black and fancy figured silks; worth 23.75, at.....

SILKS.

MONDAY WE OPEN THE SPRING SILK season with the greatest bargains ever offered in this city. Not old shop-worn silks, but just placed on our counters from the whole silk world, piled up in immense quantities and at prices beyond competition.

Thousands of Yards of New Silks Almost Given Away.	
Plain Silks in evening and street shades, Crepons, Silk Pongees, French Crepes, regular selling price 50c. yd.; for this sale.....	15
Best quality Japanese Corded Wash Silks, Japanese Checked Taffeta and plain Changeable Silks, regular selling price 65c. yd.; sale price.....	25c.
Black Satin Damas, extra heavy quality, and new patterns Fancy Silks, in immense variety and colorings, actual selling price 90c. yd.; sale price.....	59c.
Magnificent quality French Jacquard Quadrilles and Checked Taffeta Glaces, immense variety of new colorings, regular selling price \$1.25 yd.; for this sale.....	68c.
100 pieces Colored Silk, all the new colorings, for evening and street wear, actually worth 55c. the yd.; Monday's sale.....	25c.
Beautiful effects Taffeta Jacquard Checks, a silk of the latest weave and magnificent quality; regular selling price 85c. the yard; for this sale.....	39c.
Silks for evening wear, immense variety and the new combinations; actual selling price, \$1.00 the yard; sale price.....	49c.
Black Satin Duchesse, extra fine, heavy quality, 22 inches wide, the quality sold everywhere from \$1.25 to \$1.38 yard; for this sale.....	79c.
The greatest bargain ever offered—plain Black Taffeta Silks, rich lustrous and heavy quality; the same quality sold elsewhere at \$1.00 yard; sale price Monday.....	59c.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Men's Furnishing Goods at 50 per cent less than regular prices. Supply your needs for the year now and save one-half the amount you usually pay.

COLLARS AND CUFFS.

6,000 dozens Men's Collars, both sides of NO. 2,100 LINEN (which is the finest used in the manufacture of Collars), hand-made button-holes.

20 DIFFERENT STYLES, embracing all the newest patterns in standing, turn-points, pokes and turn-down Collars, and the price only

7c. Each.

Above should not be confounded with inferior Collars, dear at any price, as they are perfect goods of the best quality.

1,800 dozen Men's Linen Cuffs, every one new and perfect. There are

7 DIFFERENT STYLES to select from, and none are old. These Cuffs are heavy four-ply, and thoroughly well made. The regular price is 25c. and 35c. pair; the price for this sale is

10c. Pair.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR. 10 cases men's all-wool natural gray and camel's hair Shirts and Drawers, reinforced, taped seams, large pearl buttons, in fact.

DOLLAR GARMENTS FOR 50c. Each.

MEN'S HALF HOSE. 10 cases (900 dozen) men's natural wool and camel's hair Half Hose, full regular made, extra fine quality, double reinforced and toes, the 25c. kind in men's furnishing goods, for

12c. Pair.

MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS. 300 dozen men's extra fine muslin Night Shirts, with fancy trimmings on collar, cuffs and pocket, all cut extra full and 54 in. long, at

39c. Each.

MEN'S LAUNDERED WHITE SHIRTS. 250 dozen Men's Laundered Muslin Shirts, 3-ply linen bosoms, an especially attractive bargain, at

55c. Each.

MEN'S SUSPENDERS. Men's all-silk Suspenders, non-elastic web, silk elastic ends, the regular 50c. quality, for

25c. Each.

Opening Reception of the Wool Exchange.

Mayer Strong extended an informal welcome to the members and guests at the house-warming in the new club rooms yesterday afternoon. Many active downtown business men were present and participated in the cheer of the occasion. (Sketches by a Journal staff artist.)

the ceremonies. The reception, which was entirely informal and to members only, began at noon and continued until 2 o'clock. Even after that hour members came up to inspect the new quarters and congratulate the members of the House Committee on the work they had accomplished. There were no speeches—not even when Mayor Strong, who is president of the club, came in. The Mayor was met at the elevator by Ethan Allen and James Macnaughtan, of the House Committee, and was escorted through the rooms and finally settled in the reading room, where, on the big leather settee before the open fireplace, he told of his hopes for the club.

The club rooms occupy the entire top floor of the Wool Exchange building, at West Broadway and Beach street. The rooms are spacious and light and are handsomely decorated. The hall, which opens directly upon the elevator shafts, is elliptical in shape. Along one side is a row of Corinthian columns of Pavanaonza marble, which separate it from the general smoking and lounging room. To the east is the club office, and beyond that the library and reading room. This is finished in Elizabethan style, with high black oak wainscoting and ribbed ceiling. A big fireplace occupies fully one-half of the east end of the room.

HANDSOME DECORATIONS. Adjoining the library are the ladies' reception and dining rooms. These are finished in Louis XVI. style, the coloring being of light green and white, while the small window panes, with their lead joints, give a quaint aspect to the place. In the lounging and smoking rooms the walls are of larger green and the furniture is in russet and leather. The fireplace is of Alps green marble.

The classic prevails in the decorations of the dining room. The ceiling and woodwork are colored in ivory tones, while the walls are of a deep but pleasing shade of red. Besides the main dining room are two private dining rooms, finished and furnished in colonial style. The cafe is a large circular room, lighted from a huge dome of leaded glass.

The arched object of the club is the advancement of social and business intercourse between members, who are mainly wool brokers, manufacturers of woollen goods and wholesale dry goods merchants. It is said quietly by some that an unwritten object is to take from Boston its rank as centre of the wool trade and secure the business for this city. This is denied by the directors of the club, but, in spite of the denial, the list of club members shows that Eastern manufacturers are well represented. The membership is at present limited to 300 resident members, and this number has already been reached. The limit will soon be raised to 500. The officers for the present year are:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. President, William L. Strong; vice-president, William Bloodgood; treasurer, Edwin Langdon; secretary, John P. Faure. House Committee—Ethan Allen, chairman; James Macnaughtan, Richard H. Ewart, Edward S. Bowdoin and H. M. Stockton. Membership Committee—George P. Stockwell, chairman; O. D. Gray, F. H. Southwick, Theo. W. Morris and William Bloodgood. Auditing Committee—A. W. Follett, chairman; Theo. W. Morris and S. B. Childers.

Among the members who were present at yesterday's reception were:

J. H. Bragdon, Frederick W. Brown, Willard Braman, D. D. Chaplin, Isaac Denby, Richard A. Donaldson, Francis M. Bacon, Peter Hunter, Richard H. Ewart, John P. Faure, Play Fisk, Edward Follett, O. D. Gray, Benjamin Griffin, John R. Hall, Louis Harding, Douglas Hollister, Francis H. Leggett, David M. Look, Horace Maxwell, Abraham Macnaughtan, Allan MacNaughtan, W. H. Arnold, Frederick Almy, W. B. Butler, R. F. Bloodgood, W. M. Strong, E. S. Bowdoin, A. G. Brown, S. B. Childers, H. N. Dunbar, George Gifford, H. G. Gullmar, T. H. Higgins, S. W. Ingalls, Edwin Langdon, Joshua Leavitt, James Macnaughtan, Allan MacNaughtan, Ramsay Macnaughtan, William Mac-

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FASHIONABLE comfortable, practical and superior designs, of elegant finish, and, in fact, every conceivable household requisite is on exhibition here in a large variety of styles, and are offered always at the lowest prices.

WEDDING and Birthday Gifts or the furnishing of a home is an easy matter if you deal with us. Our facilities, promptness of delivery and easy terms—No Money Required on Deposit—enable every one to enjoy life and are

THE TALK of the town. This is stock-taking time, and we're going to present you with a partial list of novelties and specialties that we are offering far below their regular values just to keep our sales up to the busy season mark.

OF THE 400 or more bargains offered you'll find elegant white and gold Dressing Tables, \$10.95; oak or cherry Chiffoniers, \$4.00; gilt Chairs, Settees or Tables, upward from \$2.50; Couches, \$5.99; Smoking Tables, electric attachments, \$5.95; Easy Turkish Chairs, \$5.00; Folding-Beds (portieres), \$5.85; white enamelled Iron Beds, \$3.75; Children's Chairs, 65c.